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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Draft proposals submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Bangladesh) on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council decision 1988/77

DRAFT DECISION I

Humanitarian affairs segment

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, decides:

(a) That the humanitarian affairs segment, established in accordance with Assembly resolution 52/12 B, shall be held for a period of two days during the 1998 substantive session of the Council, without setting a precedent for future arrangements for that segment;

(b) That practical arrangements for the segment, as requested by the Assembly in its resolution 52/12 B, shall be the subject of consideration by the Council and shall be part of the review of its organization and methods of work, taking into account the experiences drawn at its 1998 substantive session as well as the impact of holding that segment during the substantive session on the effectiveness of the work of the session as a whole.

DRAFT DECISION II

Working arrangements for the substantive session of 1998 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that:

(a) The high-level segment of its substantive session of 1998 shall be held from 6 to 8 July;

(b) The operational activities segment shall be held on 9, 10, 13 and 14 July;

(c) The humanitarian affairs segment shall be held on 15 and 16 July;

(d) The coordination segment shall be held on 17, 18 and 21 July;

(e) The general segment shall be held from 22 to 30 July;

(f) 31 July shall be devoted to the adoption of proposals and the conclusion of the session.